



**JAMAICAN  
CANADIAN  
ASSOCIATION**



**United Way**  
OF GREATER TORONTO  
Member Agency

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Mr. Buzz Hargrove  
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Dear Brother Hargrove:

**Re: Jamaican Canadian Association Community Centre Project**

This is a follow up to my conversation with you at the dinner for President Nelson Mandela regarding the above noted project.

The Jamaican Canadian Association is the largest and oldest of the community organizations serving the needs of the black and Caribbean community here in the Greater Toronto area.

The JCA recently purchased a building with 24,000 square feet of open warehouse space that requires a considerable amount of renovation to make it into a community centre which will feature, among other things, a computer training centre, academic upgrading classrooms and a gymnasium for our young people.

The total renovation costs have been projected at \$886,000. To date, through a variety of fundraising activities, we have raised close to \$250,000. We have approached a number of corporations - including the banks and they have given an accumulated total of \$70,000. The Metro Labour Council has endorsed our campaign. They have launched a "Beat the Banks" campaign with a goal of raising more than the \$70,000 that the banks have pledged.

Not only do we share common membership but we also share the same goal of social justice for all. You and your union have been in the forefront of the struggles to help those who are less fortunate, and I am sure that you will agree with me that this project is worthy of strong financial support from the labour movement.

Any financial assistance from the CAW will not only be greatly appreciated but a permanent form of recognition will be made somewhere in the new centre to acknowledge your contribution. Enclosed is an information brochure. Best personal regards,

Yours in solidarity,  
**Jamaican Canadian Association**

Herman Stewart  
President

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